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OUTLINES.

The Spanish government is pushing work on her naval armament. —— The prevailing opinion in Spanish army circles is that war with the United States will begin in April next. —— Civil appropriation bill passed the House of Representatives; the provision in the bill to pay for information leading to conviction of violators of internal revenue laws was not stricken out. —— The Navy Department has received nothing to indicate the cause of the explosion on the Maine. —— Gen. W. B. Taliaferro, a Confederate veteran, died at his home in Gloucester county, Va. —— An officer of the Maine, who has been before the court of inquiry, says that all the testimony shows that the explosion on the Maine was not internal; members of the court decline to say anything; the court will return to Havana after it is through at Key West. —— Solemn requiem mass for those who lost their lives in the destruction of the Maine was celebrated by Cardinal Gibbons at the cathedral in Baltimore. —— The allotment of the appropriation of $50,000, made for the naval militia, is $2,438 for North Carolina. —— One of the men who attempted to assassinate the King of Greece has been arrested. —— A resolution to appropriate $20,000,000 for purchase of naval vessels ready for immediate use was introdnced yesterday in the House and referred to the naval committee. —— Work on Pacific coast fortifications is being pushed by order of Gen. Alger. —— Arizona cowboys are organizing a cavalry regiment to go to the front at once. —— It is stated positively that no river and harbor bill will be reported at this session of Congress. —— A bride of three months and a prominent physician committed suicide yesterday in Philadelphia. —— An armed conflict involving all the Central American republics is threatened. —— The steamer Dauntless has arrived at Jacksonville, Fla. —— Reindeer for the Klondike relief expedition have arrived in New York. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 1½@2½ per cent., last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton dull—middling uplands 6 5-16c; flour quiet; wheat—spot firm—No. 2 red $1.06¾; corn—spot firm, No. 2 36½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 38 deg.; 8 P.M., 40 deg.; maximum, 48 deg.; minimum, 38 deg.; mean, 43 deg.

Rainfall for the day, 02; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 3.27.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The barometer continues low over the Atlantic coast, and has fallen rapidly during the day over the West and Northwest under an entering storm area over the Dakotas. A ridge of high barometer extends from Texas northwest over the Lakes. Cloudiness continues along the coast, with scattered local showers, and is increasing over the interior. Showers have occurred also over Southern Texas and the Ohio valley. It continues cold over the Eastern sections, but is growing rapidly warmer over the West and Southwest.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Tuesday: Partly cloudy weather; cool in the morning, then warmer; northwest to variable winds.

Port Almanac---March 1.

Sun Rises	6.34 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.55 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 21 M.
High Water at Southport	12.08 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	3.48 A. M.

One establishment in France makes 300,000 glass eyes annually. That's the kind French justice wore when it convicted Zola.

A Canadian minister objects to the use of "Amen" in church worship. He doesn't believe in that kind of religious amenities.

It is said that the jury in the Latimer trial in Pennsylvania will be given a bath. This is probably a scheme of some of the lawyers to make some of the jury sick.

The Nebraska editor who says what he wants is "some cold facts about the Klondike," should send up and get a chunk of the climate.

Corbett thinks he has the stuff in him to make a great actor if he had some play to fit him. Fitz "fit" him, but after that solar plexus dab there wasn't much play in him.

Not discouraged by her failure in her crusade against bachelors and bicycles, Mrs. Charlotte Smith has undertaken a more colossal one. She proposes to reform the Chinese laundryman.

A St. Louis man who went into a trance says he spent three days at the gate of heaven. He wasn't a Chicago man. If he had been he never would have spent three days there without getting in.

The steamer Pretoria of the Hamburg-American line, a new ship, made her first trip to New York last week. She can carry 800 steerage passengers, and in addition to that as much freight as would load 625 freight cars, or a train four and a half miles long.

The State of New Jersey has for several years been appropriating $100,000 a year for the building of stone roads. State money is expended only in counties where the the property-owners and counties expend two dollars to one expended by the State. The idea is popular, has taken so well, the good effects of the good roads have become so manifest and the demand so great, that there is a bill before the Legislature now to increase the appropriation by the State from $100,000 to $300,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Bakery—Choice fruit.
I. B Rhodes—An up-to-date Chef.
Wil.H. & L. Asso'n—Annual report.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. Ellis Williams, of Newbern, is in the city.

— Mr. A. E. Stevens, of Newbern, was here yesterday.

— Mr. R. B. King, of Fayetteville, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. Oc. Hicks was here yesterday greeting his numerous friends.

— Mr. A. L. Bulluck, of the firm of A. L. & W. F. Bulluck, Alfordsville, was here yesterday.

— Mr. Edgar Gillican, travelling auditor of the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad, recently added to the A. C. L. system, spent Sunday and yesterday in the city.

— A STAR representative had the pleasure yesterday of making the acquaintance of Mr. E. A. Bothe, representing the Wm. J. Lemp Brewing Company, St. Louis, Mo.

— The STAR was glad to have a call yesterday from Messrs. W. F. Wagner and Joseph Fister, of Coalport, Pa., who are down South prospecting. They expressed themselves as delighted with Wilmington.

— Miss Errol Hay, of Hickory, who has for the past two weeks been the guest of Miss Carrie Maffitt, left Saturday for Wilson where she will be the guest of friends. This was Miss Hay's first visit to Wilmington and a host of admiring friends trust that she will again very soon favor them with another and longer visit.

Died at Point Caswell.

Mr. Jas. G. Charles, who is well known to many Wilmington people, died at Point Caswell yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of relatives. He was formerly one of the proprietors of the Tarboro *Southerner* and had been connected with newspapers in Norfolk and Philadelphia.

He died of consumption and the dangerous disease had made him an invalid about eighteen months before it finally ended his life at the age of 56. He was a very estimable man, and the STAR learns with deep regret of his death. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At the Opera House.

Augustin Daly's comedy entitled "A Night Off," or a page from Balzac, was the piece which met the anxious gaze of a small audience last night. Some parts of the performance were quite laughable and the characters portrayed by a few in the cast, judging from the applause of the audience when these points were clearly brought to view, very good. The piece as rendered, of course, has some virtues, and to those who saw and appreciated them, we are glad of it and concede to them their right to an opinion.

Will Have a Question Box.

There was quite a satisfactory rehearsal of the Wilmington Musical Association held last night. Thirty new copies of Stabat Mater were distributed. They were received yesterday from the publisher. It was decided last night to add a new feature to the Association's work. It is the establishment of a question box. In this box members will drop any questions they may elect and they will be announced and answered at the next meeting thereafter.

Shipping in February.

The monthly report of Capt. E. D. Williams, Harbor Master for the port of Wilmington, shows arrivals of vessels of 90 tons and over during last month as follows: American, 5 steamships, 4,660 tons; 5 schooners, 1,956 tons; 1 barge, 1,600 tons. Total 11 vessels, 8,216 tons tons. Foreign, 1 steamship, 1,552 tons; 2 barques, 1,145 tons; 2 schooners, 279 tons. Total 5, vessels, 2,976 tons. Total American and foreign, 16 vessels, 11,192 tons.

The Mayor's Court.

In the Mayor's Court yesterday there were three cases. Two were for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The offenders were tramps and were ordered to leave the city in twelve hours. The other was against Prince Hall, charged with larceny. He was sent to jail to await trial in the Criminal Court.

Landed on a Housetop.

Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's balloonist Saturday night landed with his parachute on top of Mr. Dave Brady's dwelling on Church between Fifth and Sixth. The family had retired and the "menfolks" were quickly up with pistols to see what was the matter.

An Annual Report.

Assistant Chief Monroe, of the Fire Department, is preparing a complete report of fires for the past year, that is from April to April. It will include a separate report from December 1st, 1897, when the paid department was inaugurated.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The revenue cutter *Morrill* arrived in port yesterday from Charleston.

— During February twenty-seven marriage licenses were issued, nine for whites and eighteen for colored.

— The Opera House will remain dark until the 17th of this month, when "Pudd'nhead Wilson" will be the attraction.

— At the fire early Monday morning Mr. John Dahnhardt stuck a nail in his foot. The injury is quite painful, but not serious.

— Justice Jno. J. Fowler yesterday dimissed cases against John and Anna Davis, charging them with resisting an officer.

— After losing the *Maine* reliance in Havana harbor, it would have been a terrible blow to the United States to lose her *Right Arm*.

— The Arion-Cooke Combination which entertained so delightfully here Friday and Saturday nights, gave a concert at Charleston, S. C. last night.

— Spirits turpentine crawled up another half-cent yesterday and at the close of the market was quoted at 34 cents per gallon for machine-made barrels.

— The schedule of the National Baseball League for the coming season is to be lengthened so that every club will play 154 games instead of 132 as formerly.

— Lenten services at St. James' and St. John's Episcopal Churches today are at 7.30 A. M. and 5 P. M. There will be mass at the Pro-Cathedral at 8 A. M.

— There was no end of rumors on the streets yesterday about the blowing up of the *Right Arm* and the killing of Capt. Sigsbee, but none of them could be verified.

— Mr. James S. Worth, who has previously held the position of special deputy collector at the Custom House, will hereafter make his headquarters with the Worth Company.

— Policemen say that they propose to put a stop to so much slingshot shooting on the streets by small boys. They all have strict orders to arrest every boy caught in the act.

— Rev. G. M. Tolson, who for a number of years has served the Church of the Good Shepherd, will hereafter be located at Hertford. He preaches his farewell sermon to-night.

— A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Richard A. Sanders and Miss Anna W. Roesch, both of this city. It is understood that the ceremony will not occur until Thursday.

— The price of cotton went up several points yesterday and there were sales as high as 6 cents for middling. The quotations as posted at the Produce Exchange were 5¾ and 5⅞ cents.

— Mr. George L. Morton yesterday transferred the custodianship of the Government building to Postmaster W. H. Chadbourn, who has recently received the appointment as custodian.

— The annual report of the Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association appears in the STAR this morning. Reference to it will show the prosperous condition of this well known concern.

— "Beware of Dogs" formed the text and "The Meanest Man in Town" the subject of an interesting sermon preached to a large audience at Brooklyn Baptist Church Sunday night by Rev. J. W. Kramer.

— The *News and Observer* says it has news direct from close friends of Mr. William (kommonly kalled "Bill") J. Sutton, of Bladen county, that he has been offered the Presidency of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

— The annual inspection of the Wilmington Division of the Naval Reserves will be made to-night. Lieutenant R. O. Bittler, of the U. S. Navy, who is to make the inspection, has not yet arrived, but will probably come today.

— Tramps are getting to be quite a nuisance here. Seven were given lodging at the City Hall Sunday night, the largest number in quite a while. They are allowed to spend only one night there and sleep in the furnace room.

— The STAR is informed that Jno. T. Howe, colored, suffered a painful surprise yesterday when on applying for the position which he claims to have had promised him at the post-office he was told there was none for him. "Alas, poor Yorick."

— In one of the public schools, a few days since, a teacher gave the word concise to her class for definition. A little boy "popped up" promptly and said: "I know what it means, Miss M——. There's THE MORNING STAR. That paper gives the news in a concise form." Correct!

— The *Morning News* is the name of a new daily just established at Kinston by Messrs. D. W. and C. Z. Whitaker. It is gotten up in good style; and as the people of Kinston are among the most enterprising in the State, the *News* will doubtless be well supported. It has the STAR'S best wishes.

— It is astonishing what an amount of "merely routine business" the United States government has on hand just now. All the warlike preparations, including work on war ships night and day, and Sundays too, is strictly "in accordance with orders issued several weeks ago." Blessed Tony! Wonderful, indeed!

— Rev. J. A. Smith, of Fair Bluff, was here yesterday.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

Both in the Business Portion of the City, But Happily With Slight Damage.

WERE QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED

Glass in the Y. M. C. A. Building Broken and the Window Frames Slightly Charred—A Blaze in Mr. S. W. Sanders' Store.

As a result of the fire at 1.35 o'clock yesterday morning, the rear end of the Y. M. C. A. building is damaged about forty dollars and a one-story shanty adjacent is totally destroyed. The shed and its contents were valued at about $100. It was owned by Mr. Martin O'Brien and occupied by James McPherson, who ran a barber shop with eating house attached. His loss, he says, is about twenty-five dollars. There was no insurance on shed or contents; but the Y. M. C. A. is fully protected by insurance.

There is no clue as to the origin of the fire. When discovered it was burning rapidly. The heat from the flames was so great that the glass in several windows of the Y. M. C. A. building was broken and the window frames were badly charred. The windows injured open into Messrs. Hall & Pearsall's wholesale grocery establishment. However their stock was not damaged.

It is a notable fact that right in front of one of the damaged windows was a large stack of matches put up in cases. They became so hot that the rosin was drawn from the sides of the cases.

Another Alarm.

Another alarm of fire at 11.50 A. M. Sunday was occasioned by a sooty chimney at No 201, corner of Market and Second streets, the building owned by the DeRosset estate and occupied, on the first and second floors, by S. W. Sanders grocery store, and the third floor by Mrs. S. C Burriss. The damage was not more than five dollars. All to Mr. Sanders' stock.

A flue of the chimney seems to have caught from the third floor fire-place, and in some way worked through to the opposite flue, causing burning soo to fall to the fire-place on the second floor. It fell upon an egg-crate, which started the fire. It was extinguished by the chemical engine.

A few minutes after the firemen had returned to their respective stations a second alarm was received. It was occasioned by a fresh outbreak at the same place, but it was quickly extinguished.

FEBRUARY'S FIRE RECORD.

There Were Twenty-Five Alarms With $121.40 Damage Average.

During February there were twenty-five fire alarms and the total damage to property was only $3,034.84, an average of $121.40 for each fire. Damage to real estate was $2,084.84 and to personal property $950. The total valuation of the buildings in which the fires occurred was $50,110, and of the contents $22,150. The buildings were insured for $30,530, and the contents for $14,050.

Of the twenty-five alarms ten of them were caused by sparks from chimneys, five by chimneys burning out, two by incendiaries, two by defective flues and one each from children playing in the fire and coals popping from the fireplace. Then there were three from unknown causes and there was one false alarm.

Custom House Janitor.

Mr. F. A. Montgomery resigned the position of janitor of the Custom House yesterday. The place was filled by Capt. W. R. Kenan, custodian of the public building, who appointed Elijah Lane, colored. Lane took the office, and is one of the three new men who go to work at the Custom House to-day. His appointment is for ninety days, and at the expiration of that time Collector Dancy, if he should have been appointed custodian in the meantime, can either reappoint Lane or appoint somebody else in his stead. Notice of the appointment of Lane was sent to the Treasury Department yesterday. The other officials who were appointed under the Democratic administration are under Civil Service, and will probably hold their places.

Brick Buildings in the Fire District.

The STAR is glad to learn that Mr. M. O'Brien is going to replace the wooden structure on Nutt street consumed by fire early yesterday morning with a brick structure. And in the same connection it may be said that the city authorities cannot serve the public better than by enforcing strict observance of the ordinance requiring brick buildings in the fire district. But for favoring circumstances the fire yesterday might have caused the destruction of one of the most valuable buildings in the whole city.

Active Members Meet.

There was a monthly business meeting of Y. M. C. A. active members last night. Four new members were elected. It was decided that an arrangement be made to have all membership dues fall due at the new year. State Secretary Lewis was present and made a practical talk along the line of Association work.

Special Convention Rate.

The special rate from Wilmington to Asheville and return, on account of the Y. M. C. A. Convention, March 10th, will be $14.85. Secretary Diggs will issue credentials to any Wilmingtonian who may desire to attend.

DEATHS AND BURIALS.

Funeral of Mrs. George Johnson—Interment of Remains of the Late George Craig and J. M. Lanier.

The remains of the late George Craig arrived here from Tampa, Fla., yesterday afternoon at 12 o'clock, over the W., C. & A. railroad, accompanied by Mrs. Craig. Mr. John H. Craig, a brother of the deceased, who lives at Elberton, Ga., arrived Sunday.

The funeral took place yesterday at 4 P. M. from the residence of Mrs. V. A. Craig, 313 McRae street, and there were numerous friends and acquaintances present. The services were conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, and the pall bearers were Messrs. J. W. Fleet, J. W. Thorburn, A. J. Hanby, George C. Jackson, W. H. Register and W. A. McGowan.

The sad accident by which young Mr. Craig lost his life is fully detailed in the Jacksonville, Fla., *Times Union and Citizen*. It appears that he had started out hunting on the river and after getting in the boat took hold of his gun, which was lying on the dock. The hammer got hung in some way and the gun fired, the whole load of shot taking effect in his right side. He was carried to his home and medical help called, but he died just as the physicians arrived. A little girl, who was in the boat at the time the gun was discharged, narrowly escaped being wounded or killed by the same load of shot. The Jacksonville paper says that Mr. Craig was a painter and well known, having been connected with both the fire and police departments of Tampa. The remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery.

The Late J. M. Lanier.

The funeral of the late J. M. Lanier was conducted from the residence, 1313 North Fourth street, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Kramer. The following were the pall bearers: S. W. Holden, S. L. Smith, Jackson Orr, L. M. Guttenburg, J. H. McDougall, and John Wilkerson. At the conclusion of the services at the house, the remains were taken to the Carolina Central depot and carried to North West for interment.

Mrs. George Johnson.

The STAR notes with regret the death of Mrs. George Johnson, who passed away late Sunday evening at her home 214 Harnett street. Her husband who is a well known engineer at the Seaboard Air Line, and three children survive her.

The deceased was a member of St. John's Episcopal church and the solemn services for the burial of the dead were conducted by Rev. Dr. James Carmichael at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence. The pall bearers were Messrs. H. G. Smallbones, Bertram Quelch, John H. James and Robert Scott. The interment was at Oakdale.

TREASURE TROVE.

Gold Coin and Bank Notes Found in an Old Building on South Second Street.

An old leathern purse, containing $1,000 in bank notes and $5.00 in gold coin and a promissory note for $180, was found hid away in an old building being torn away near the corner of Second and Church streets, Saturday afternoon.

The find was made by contractor L. X. Rivers who, with a force of carpenters, was tearing away the old building to give place to a new residence of Mr. W. J. Reaves.

The note was made payable to James Brockett, long since deceased, and there is every indication that the purse was hidden away by him. The bank notes are now of no value, as almost all of them were issued by the old Cape Fear bank of Wilmington, which went into liquidation soon after the war. It is supposed that at the time Brockett hid away the purse the notes were all good. He for a number of years before the war carried the mails between the Wilmington postoffice and the depots.

Some queer stories about strange noises heard in the dead of night about the old building are being told, and the question is being asked if the spirit of the departed has been wont to revisit the old house and count over his hidden treasure.

The Custom House.

John C. Dancy, colored, the newly appointed Collector of Customs, received his commission Sunday night and yesterday took the oath of office before U. S. Commissioner R. H. Bunting. His term of office begins with to-day. Yesterday the collectorship was transferred to him. He says that he found the retiring collector the same courteous gentleman that he was four years ago.

John E. Taylor, colored, who has heretofore held the first assistant's place under City Clerk and Treasurer and Tax Collector F. B. Rice, has been appointed assistant collector and will also begin work to-day.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—208 bales cotton, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—122 bales cotton, 6 bbl spirits turpentine, 58 bbls rosin, 49 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—14 bales cotton, 2 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 35 casks spirits turpentine, 138 bbls rosin, 25 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—35 bales cotton, 7 bbls rosin, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Steamer Driver—21 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpeutine, 228 bbls rosin, 22 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 408 bales; spirits turpentine, 45 casks; rosin, 431 bbls; tar, 98 bbls.; crude turpentine, 10 bbls.

A SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Negro Boy Seriously Wounded by a Shotgun in the Hands of a Companion.

SAYS IT WAS ACCIDENTAL.

The Wounded Negro Unconscious at the City Hospital—It is Thought He Will Recover—The Youth Who Fired the Gun Arrested.

John Lewis was shot and seriously wounded by James Pearsall yesterday afternoon about 2.30 o'clock. Both are colored, and appear to be about 20 or 21 years of age. At a late hour last night the wounded negro was reported by the hospital authorities as still unconscious, and having considerable fever.

Pearsall claims that the shooting was accidental. A load of shot from a shotgun did the work. There are twelve shot wounds on the right side of Lewis' head, ranging from his lower lip to the top of his head. Drs. Zachary and Bulluck extracted the shots and dressed the wounds. One shot struck in Lewis' right eye, and will probably destroy the sight. The negro who did the shooting says it was accidental, and went to the City Hall and gave himself up to the police.

The shooting occurred near the corner of Ninth and Bladen streets, in a back lot, and Lewis was sawing wood when, according to Pearsall's story, he came up with the gun and was talking to Lewis and the gun went off accidentally.

It is charged by certain boys, whose names were not taken by the police, that Pearsall had threatened to kill Lewis because he (Lewis) had charged him with stealing a pair of gloves. The officers discredit the story but Lewis has never regained consciousness so that a statement could be gotten from him.

Dr. Zachary thinks Lewis will recover.

AN EXCITING AFFAIR.

Two Gentlemen Capture a Negro Thief After a Desperate Struggle.

An exciting affair occurred Sunday afternoon in which two well known gentlemen betrayed no little bravery and perseverance in capturing a negro thief. Messrs. W. W. Hodges and J. Dickson Kelly were the gentlemen referred to. Mr. Kelly saw two darkies, Prince Hall and Hemey Blocker, coming from the residenee of Mrs. S. A. Perrin on Second street between Chesnut and Mulberry. Hall was carrying an umbrella and evidently had stolen it. Mr. Kelly called Mr. Hodges and the two followed the colored men to the corner of Fourth and Hanover streets with the purpose of recovering the umbrella, and not anticipating the struggle that was to ensue. Blocker left his companion when he saw they were being followed.

Mr. Hodges walked rapidly past Hall, and when he had gotten a few feet in front of him wheeled round and asked the negro where he got the umbrella. Hall, who is a big, strong fellow, had armed himself with a stone, and while answering the question with an oath, drew back to throw at Mr. Hodges, but his attention was diverted by hearing Mr. Kelly come up from behind, and deciding that it was best to repulse the rear attack first, turned round and threw the stone at Mr. Kelly, striking him on the side of the face. Fortunately he had lost his purchase in turning and couldn't throw with his whole strength, so that the injuries to Mr. Kelly were not as serious, as they might have been. Both men closed in on the infuriated negro. After a desperate encounter they got the best of him and finally had him lodged safely in the guard house. Yesterday he was tried before the Mayor for larceny and bound over to the Criminal Court in the sum of $50. Failing to give bond he was committed. He will also be indicted for assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Monthly Meeting Held Yesterday—Dr. McMillan's Record for February.

There was a meeting of the Board of Health yesterday in the office of Dr. McMillan, Superintendent of Health.

The Superintendent reported the failure of a number of parties to comply with sanitary ordinances. A number of communications from various parties in regard to the enforcement of the order for the removal of street drains were read. Some protested against the ordinance and others gave excuses for not having complied, asking more time. Twenty days was the limit and it is out.

An order was passed that typhoid fever be added to communicative diseases and reported by the physicians as such.

Members of the Board present were Doctors Wright, Thomas, Russell and McMillan.

The records of Dr. McMillan, as Superintendent of Heath, show 29 deaths, 14 whites and 15 colored; 46 births, 12 white and 34 colored, and 1,699 inspections of premises by health officers. Of the latter 897 are reported in fair condition, 426 in a bad condition, 376 requiring immediate attention and 259 as having been cleaned; 339 orders for lime have been filled.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

A FRONT STREET SENSATION.

Exciting Runaway on a Crowded Thoroughfare—Two Wagons and a Street Car in the Mix-Up.

An exciting and what came near being a serious runaway occurred yesterday morning on Front street, in which the delivery wagons of Mr. Dick Steljes and Messrs. Holmes & Watters, and a street car figured most prominently. Mr. Steljes' wagon was demolished, the horse somewhat injured and Holmes & Watters' wagon damaged possibly to the extent of five or ten dollars.

Mr. Steljes' horse and wagon were left alone on Front street, near the S. A. L. building, and the horse started on a run down Front street. He dashed down by the Orton, across Princess street and in passing Messrs. Holmes & Watters' place he struck their delivery wagon. The horse attached to this dashed across the street and would have broken into Messrs. Peterson & Rulfs' show window had not the wagon overturned and caught against a post. This, with the aid of the driver, who had gotten hold of the lines, stopped the frightened animal.

In the meantime, Steljes' horse fell across the street car track and barely scrambled off in time to miss an approaching street car. As it was the car struck the cart "midship" and literally broke it into pieces. The motorman, William Jones, says he did all in his power to avoid the accident; but it was all so sudden that there was no time to stop the car before the damage was done.

DEATH OF LEON BLACK.

[Star Correspondence.]

POINT CASWELL, N. C., Feb. 27.—The community of Point Caswell was greatly grieved to learn of the death of little Leon Black, which took place on Saturday morning, after an illness of ten days of meningitis. He died in his fifteenth year.

Leon was a truly good boy, and beloved by all who knew him.

The funeral took place to-day, and was attended by a very large crowd of friends. The services were conducted by the Rev. Walton, of Burgaw, who paid a glowing tribute to the noble character of the deceased. A very tender and affecting scene was enacted at the grave. His Sunday school classmates, with their teacher, Miss Eliza Murphy, had each a letter made of evergreens, which formed, when they placed them on the grave, the beautiful words, "We loved him." His schoolmates and his teacher, Miss Irene Simpson, brought floral gifts emblematic of their love for Leon and their appreciation of the blameless life he spent with them.

Leon was the son of Murdoch and Antoinette Black and a brother of Capt. J. D. Black.

THE NARADA CUP.

The Handsome Silver Trophy Offered by Mr. Harry Walters Presented to the Winner.

[Baltimore Sun.]

The Narada cup, a beautiful silver trophy offered by Mr. Henry Walters, of Baltimore, owner of the yacht *Narada*, for the winner of the greatest number of runs from Huntingdon harbor to Vineyard Haven, has been completed and sent to Mr. Percival Chubb, owner of the winning sloop Vigilant.

The cup is in the form of a Greek vase, with dolphin handles, from the mouths of which are suspended two laurel wreaths, resting on the sides. Above the dolphins, upon the narrow neck of the cup, are two crossed flags—one the New York Yacht Club standard and the other the steam yacht *Narada* flag. The piece bears a fine etching of Mr. Walters' yacht, the *Narada*. The name signifies a Hindoo god.

The cup weighs 105 ounces and rests on an ebony base, on the front of which there are ornamentations of raised silver anchors and ropes. The total height of the cup and base is twenty-eight inches.

STRAWBERRIES IN SAVANNAH.

Receipts Small and Quality Poor—Large Crop Predicted.

Savannah *News:* "The strawberry crop is reaching the Savannah market and the demand is quite equal to the supply. There are small quantities grown on truck farms around the city, but the crop proper comes from Florida.

"Local dealers expect prices to soon fall sufficiently to create a larger demand. Up to the present, however, the shipments have not reached a thousand quart boxes, though they will likely do so before next week is over. The quality is not without defect, as is the general condition of the early crop. There are faulty spots on the berries and they have a green appearance around the stem. The shipments thus far are from Callowatt and Kathleen, Fla.

"Strawberries will be most plentiful about the middle of April, by which time it is thought one of the most bountiful crops for years will be on the market."

FIRE IN FLORENCE.

B. F. Penny's Store and Stock Damaged —Loss About $20,00—Fully Insured.

A Sunday special to the Columbia *Star* gives the following account of a fire in Florence which resulted in considerable loss to Mr. B. F. Penny, of Wilmington:

FLORENCE, February 27.—The large brick store situated ou the corner of Evans and Dargan streets, belonging to J. L. Barringer and occupied by B. F. Penny was totally destroyed by fire about 12:30 A. M. Nothing was saved from the store. Peny's loss is about $15,000. Barringer's about $5,00; both insured. The fire department did excellent service, and but for their display of energy and ability the business portion of Florence would have now been in ashes. The City hotel and Theo. Kuken's store caught, but were put out.

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3,000 Fresh Cocoanuts,

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100 Bunches Bananas, 10c Dozen.

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Look Out for Our Arrival of Fruit on Tuesday.

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Annual Report

OF THE WILMINGSON HOMESTEAD AND Loan Association of Wilmington, North Carolina, for the year ending December 31, 1897.

Loans on Bond and Mortgage (face value)	$48,870 82
Loans on other securities	5,115 80
Cash on hand and in bank	290 47
Furniture and fixtures	99 91
Installments due and unpaid	315 75
	$54,492 75

LIABILITIES.

Due shareholders, due installments paid	$33,900 75
Due shareholders, installments paid in advance	30 75
Due shareholders, earnings credited	4,460 89
Due shareholders, earnings not credited	245 96
Borrowed money	15,865 00
	$54,492 75

Report for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January 1, 1897	$ 187 04
Subscriptions on shares	14,033 25
Mortgages redeemed (in whole or in part)	23,139 06
Other loans redeemed	5,314 75
Premiums received	324 00
Interest received	3,014 72
Fines received	313 88
Transfers	84 25
Initiations	121 50
Profit and loss	78 90
Bills payable	4,865 00
	$51,988 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loaned on Mortgage	27,135 03
Loaned on other securities	4,473 80
Paid on withdrawals, dues	10,892 25
Paid on withdrawals, dividends	883 08
Salaries and fees	637 00
Advertising and printing	119 15
Taxes	35 00
Interest	820 94
Sundries	21 65
Matured stock	6,120 78
Cash on hand	290 47
	$51,988 15

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT.

In conformity with section 2,300 (d) of "An Act to amend Chapter 7, Volume II, of The Code, entitled Building and Loan Associations." I certify that the above is a true copy of the sworn statement of the Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association, Wilmington, N. C., on December 31, 1897, now on file in this Department. HAL. W. AYER, Auditor of State.

mar 1 1t Per JNO. A. SIMS, Chief Clerk.

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Coffee 10 Cents,

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Coffee 20 Cts,

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THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $3.00 per year, $1.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days, $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks, $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve months, $60.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1898

IGNORANCE OF THE SOUTH.

We saw a statement the other day made by a Minnesota editor who was returning from a trip through the South, that there might be considerable immigration of the Scandinavians of his State to the South but for the fact that many of them were under the impression that the two principal products of this section are yellow fever and negroes. Perhaps these Scandinavians may think as some of the people in portions of Europe do, or did some years ago, that the negroes are cannibals who eat white children, a story that was pretty extensively circulated by agents of Western railroads who did it to keep those people from emigrating to the South instead of the West, where the railroads which these agents represented had land to sell.

But there are a good many people in this country, who, although they do not believe the negroes are cannibals who eat white children, have almost as erroneous ideas concerning the South as those Scandinavian inhabitants of Minnesota referred to above. And some of these are holding representative position, too, position where they would be presumably at least ordinarily well informed as to the respective sections of the country.

Representative Landis, of Indiana, is one of these, who took occasion recently in a speech delivered at Boston to enlighten the Bostonians as to the South and also to give the Southern farmers what he doubtless thought much needed advice. Among other things he said:

"The Southern agriculturist knows little else than cotton. If he would prosper he must read. If he would get out of the rut he must experiment. Cotton, cotton, cotton, year after year, exhausts the soil, and that portion of the crop that does not go for labor goes for fertilizer."

Mr. Landis had doubtless confined his reading about agricultural matters in the South to the proceedings of those conventions which have been endeavoring to influence the planters to plant less cotton, and to the lectures Southern papers occasionally deliver on the subject of "all cotton." This is, doubtless, where he got his ideas, and of course being an Indiana Congressman, talking to a Boston audience, he felt competent to tell Southern farmers what they ought to do to get out of the wilderness. His intentions may have been good, although his stock of knowledge was limited. The Baltimore *Manufacturers' Record*, which didn't consider the possibly good intentions, raps the honorable gentleman hard across the knucks, and to enlighten what it calls his dense ignorance supplies him gratuitously with the following information to show him how really little he knows about the agricultural South, of which he was talking to the Bostonians:

Fourteen Southern States raised in 1896 of crops common to the whole country 44,766,253 bushels of wheat, 453,431,150 bushels of corn, 70,012,742 bushels of oats, 3,760,167 tons of hay, 20,959,403 bushels of potatoes, 320,725,310 pounds of tobacco and 38,530,181 pounds of wool, beside sugar and molasses.

The live stock exhibit, in comparison with that of the rest of the country, was as follows:

	South.	Elsewhere.
Horses	3,525,322	11,598,834
Mules	1,525,410	744,536
Milch cows	3,763,046	12,374,540
Cattle	9,908,483	22,176,926
Swine	19,075,272	23,767,488
Sheep	6,584,707	31,714,079

Moreover, the figures of the census of 1890 are illuminating even at this late day. In that year the South grew $6,484,660 worth of truck, 27,795,405 bushels of peaches (nearly 80 per cent. of the whole crop), 46,948,398 bushels of apples (more than 32 per cent. of the whole), 21,534 tons of grapes, 311,470 bushels of cherries, 563,246 bushels of pears, 721,099 bushels of plums, nearly half the nuts and semi-tropical fruits, 38 per cent. of the crop of pears and beans, nearly all the peanuts, all the rice, beside poultry, eggs and dairy products. The total value of all agricultural products in the South was 31 per cent. of that of the whole country, while the value per acre of all farm products in the South was $7.18, and in the rest of the country $6.87.

Mr. Landis seems to have caught the idea that because cotton is so much talked and written about and figures so conspicuously in commerce, that it is about the only crop grown in the South and that the South is one immense cotton field, when if he had taken a map of the Southern States and figured on the cotton growing area, he would have found that it wouldn't make a respectable patch on the area of these States, and if it was put together that it would be only a fraction larger than two-thirds of North Carolina. And yet this comparatively small area of land supplies the most of the cotton for the world, from which Mr. Landis might catch some idea of the cotton producing capacity of the South if it should ever be necessary to expand that industry.

The figures above produced show that these "all cotton" planters are raising something besides cotton, and are not making much fuss about it either. They may, and they do, raise too much cotton, but it isn't because they don't read, as Mr. Landis supposes, for they read about as much as the farmers of Indiana do, and in point of intelligence will at least compare favorably with them.

They raise as much cotton as they do for reasons which Mr. Landis does not understand any better than he does what the Southern farmers are doing, when he takes it for granted that they are raising cotton and nothing else. The Southern planter raises so much cotton for the very same reason that Western farmers raise so much wheat and so many hogs. There is a world demand for cotton as there is for wheat and pork, and the man who raises it knows he can always find a market for it at some price, and it is one of these crops which will keep and not rot on his hands if he doesn't hurry it off to market. It is a crop, too, on which money can always be raised if the planter needs it, and hence it is a crop which stands well with the planters. These two are sufficient reasons why it should be largely cultivated, as Mr. Landis would see if he thought about it for a minute or two.

There is no doubt whatever that the cotton planters do raise too much cotton for their own good, and that they would be in a better condition if they raised less; but it is fortunate for Mr. Landis and his constituents that they give as much attention as they do to cotton, for if they gave as much to grain-growing and hog-raising as they do to cotton and some other things, the experience of the Indiana farmers might in a short time become similar to that of the New England cotton manufacturers, who are now complaining that their business is being ruined by Southern competition. Mr. Landis should survey the field and read up before he assumes the role of lecturer or adviser of the Southern planters or farmers.

MINOR MENTION.

A Washington dispatch published Sunday reports a member of the Cabinet as saying that the President was closely watching every phase of the Cuban situation as events developed, and that while he would not be driven by "Jingo" sentiment to premature action, when the honor and integrity of the nation became involved he would do his whole duty and do it promptly. Well that is just about what the people of the United States would expect of Mr. McKinley or of any other man occupying the Presidency, and that is what they do expect of him, and he therefore does not deserve any special credit for giving close attention to the situation and for the resolve to act promptly when action becomes necessary to preserve the honor and integrity of the nation. As he must have ground for action and justification for any advance step he may now take, of course he cannot be hurried by public clamor, but must await the developments of the investigations progressing in Havana harbor, unless in the meantime some hostile act be committed which would call for prompt action. Not to act promptly when facts enough are known to justify action, and when the national honor and integrity would demand it, would be simply arrant cowardice or something bordering on treason, which would forever ruin and disgrace not only the man holding the Presidency but the party which put him there. Even if Mr. McKinley shrank from war, either from lack of nerve or out of consideration for commercial or monetary interests that might be affected by it, he could not afford to put himself or his party in a position to be spurned by every self-respecting American, therefore we do not think it necessary to have the assurance of a member of the Cabinet that when the honor and integrity of the nation become involved, he will "do his whole duty and do it promptly." With much less provocation Grover Cleveland called to taw Great Britain, the mightiest nation on the seas.

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Japan was forging to the front, making wonderful progress as a manufacturing and commercial nation, and was rapidly making inroads on British and other European trade in China and in India. Within a few years the cotton manufacturing industry (and other industries, too) made marvellous growth, and Japanese goods were rapidly taking the place of English goods, because they were sold at lower prices and for silver money. Japan was then on a silver basis, but in an evil hour she was persuaded by European gold monometallists (as this country was in 1873) to adopt the gold standard. She did it, but not as absolute as it had been done in this country. We remarked when commenting on this at the time, that Japan would soon discover the blunder she made and pay the penalty. She is beginning to do this already, as will be seen by the following from a letter of an English professor in a Japanese University, published in the Boston *Advertiser:*

"Will you permit me to state that the almost universal feeling of the Japanese, as is expressed in the newspapers, is that the adoption of the gold standard was a mistake. It is a general custom in Japan for newspapers to give a review of the year's events at the beginning of each new year. In these reviews that have just appeared there is a general condemnation of the gold standard. It is acknowledged that the financial situation in Japan is very bad compared with that of a year ago. Public securities have fallen, railway and industrial shares are very low. Many new undertakings have stopped for want of funds, but chief of all, the export of cotton yarns to China is at an entire standstill. It is generally confessed that this closing of the Chinese market to Japanese yarns is due entirely to the new gold standard of Japan."

By adopting the gold standard Japan deprived herself of the advantage she had over the traders of gold countries in such silver using countries as China and India, for she put herself on the same plane with them, stepped into the trap set and crippled herself commercially speaking. She is beginning to discover this now, and to realize what a fool she was when she stepped into that gold-baited trap.

An Indianapolis preacher preached a powerful and moving sermon against wearing ornaments and jewelry. It was so moving that a burglar man who happened to hear him sneaked out of the church, made a bee line for his residence and removed therefrom two gold rings, a diamond pin, a pair of gold rimmed spectacles and sundry other articles that might tempt to the "sin of pride," against which the good man warned his hearers.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—The fact that the Spanish people are eager for war with the United States, only demonstrates their deplorable ignorance. They cannot know anything rightly, about their own country or this one, or they would be for peace between the two.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

—If has been said that the coming of the Spanish warship Vizcaya into this port and her stay here at such a time was a fine display of courage on the part of her officers and crew. But, what it really was, was a fine display of confidence in American honor.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—The suggestion that Spain might be willing to make Maximo Gomez the head of an autonomous government for Cuba probably comes too late. It is within the range of probabilities that Maximo Gomez will be the head of an independent government in Cuba before a great while longer.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—It ought to be well understood in this Spanish crisis that the Government of the United States is not the wet-nurse of the New York stock market. It is the function of the Government to guard the rights and interests of the American people and the honor of the country, and to preserve peace if it can do so with honor. It has no proper concern with speculative prices.—*New York World, Dem.*

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, and may be depended upon to cure boils and pimples. †

— Charlotte *News:* Friday afternoon several raiding officers and deputies were in the city. They have just returned from the Dark Corner, where in the past two days they have destroyed five big distilleries and captured one illicit distiller. This is one of the biggest raids that has happened for some time, but the above mentioned officers never go and come back empty handed.

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Mrs. L. C. Bramley, 37 Henry St., St. Catherines, Ontario, writes: "For years I suffered from extreme nervousness and annoying constipation, developing into palpitation and weakness of the heart. I was unable to sleep, suffered much from headache, pain in my left side, palpitation and a constant feeling of weakness and prostration. I began using Dr. Miles' Nervine, Heart Cure and Nerve and Liver Pills and the Anti-Pain Pills to relieve sudden paroxysms of pain and headache. I soon felt much improved and the pains and aches and weariness left me. I then took Dr. Miles' Restorative Tonic and am now restored to my former good health."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greenville *Reflector:* We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Huldah Keel, wife of Mr. H. F. Keel, which occurred Thursday afternoon at their home three miles from Greenville.

— *Charlotte Observer:* Perry Williams, white, who shot and killed R. L. Tate, also white, at Gastonia several days ago, was brought to Charlotte last night by sheriff Love, of Gaston, and placed in Mecklenburg jail for safe keeping, as there was talk of lynching in and about the scene of the tradgedy. Williams entered the factory in which Tate was working. The latter told him to shut the door. He passed in and out several times, always leaving the door open. He and Tate had some words which ended in Williams shooting and killing Tate.

— Lincoln *Journal:* Grief Abernethy, alias Hooper, the old negro who happened to be in the way of a bullet fired at another negro by Charles Connor at blockade whisky wagon row, near Triangle, some two weeks ago, is said to be getting well, although the bullet entered his brain. —The large whiskey distilling plant of Jeff Huffstetler near town was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. The entire plant, including the stills, stillhouse, etc., was destroyed together with the warehouse containing about 400 gallons of whiskey. The fire is thought to have been incendiary. The loss will probably amount to $1,000.

— Statesville *Landmark:* Harvey Perkins, the negro who was taken ill with small pox in Neal's camp on the Mocksville-Mooreville Railroad, died in the pest house in Charlotte Monday. None of the persons with whom Perkins came in contact have contracted the disease—or at least no cases have developed—and the danger is now thought to be past. Two negroes with whom he slept the night before he left the camp, and who were quarantined soon afterward, have been released, and all danger from small pox appears to have been entirely passed out of the public mind.

— High Point *Enterprise:* During the forest fires on the Aberdeen road last week the engineer discovered fire ahead of him on the road, but as he was going down grade he could not stop the train and plunged right in the midst of the fire. There was not very much damage done but it took quick work to get out of the danger. —Captain J. E. Sumner and John Farlow have leased and bonded three thousand acres of land on the Yadkin river, including the Chalk mountains, the noted healing springs, and other valuable property, for a Northern syndicate. This is one of the largest deals made lately. This property contains much valuable mineral, beside the mineral springs. The deal is likely to go through in the near future.

TWINKLINGS.

— Republican—"There is too much tomfoolery in the House of Representatives." Democrat—"Yes, and too much tomreedery."

— Wisdom—An Eastern scientist says that if a flea were as large as a man, he could jump from Pittsburg to Cleveland. And he probably would. *Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Neither is Boss—Kelliher—"Oi hear thot Hogan an' his woife don't git along very well t'gither at all, at all."

Flannery—"Oi t'ink ut's bekase they're too avenly matched."—*Puck.*

— He—"I don't believe in a higher education for girls. The one I marry will know nothing of Latin and such nonsense."

She—"Perhaps not. I can readily understand that the girl who marries you must be very ignorant indeed."

— Young Wife—"The Bible tells us to cast our bread upon the waters and that it will return to us a hundred fold." Young Husband—"Well, for heaven's sake, Mary, don't cast any of the bread you make upon the waters, then."—*Exchange.*

— Judge—"Were you present when the row began?" Witness—"I was (turning to the judge.) He said: 'You bow-legged, lop-sided, gogle-eyed old fraud——'" Judge (nettled)—"Will you be kind enough to address the jury and not the court?"—*New York World.*

— Social Joys—"Our wrangle-jangle euchre club has had to rent a room."

"Why?"

"Well, we have had so many quarrels over the prizes that none of the women will go to the other's house."—*Detroit Free Press*

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptish Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial, it will please me." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Since 1861 I have been a great sufferer from catarrah. I tried Ely's Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured. Terrible headaches from which I had long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.

The People Nearest the Pole.

The Etahs, a handful of Eskimos numbering probably 100 persons, are the most northern people of the world. They have their abiding place on the west coast of Greenland, between 76 and 79 degrees north latitude. For many years after Dr. Kane came home with his vivid and absorbing story of these isolated natives they were supposed to have built their stone huts nearer the pole than any other human beings. It is known now, however, thanks to Bassels, Nares and Greely, that there are numerous traces of human occupancy as far north as the eighty-second parallel, and so long ago was it that they built their huts and sledges and hunted the bear and walrus in the far north of Grant Land that the Etah natives of today have only the dimmest and most uncertain traditions of them.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

CHAINED TO A MAD BEAR.

Decidedly Unpleasant Experience of a Maine Woodman.

Milton Pike had a bear trap set up near Location on the biggest hill to the south of the stream. It was near the bear's den, which was a hole or small cave in the ledge. The old lady had two paths leading from the mouth of her den, and when Pike set his trap in one she traveled by the other route. Pike had another trap, but it was not provided with a chain long enough to attach it properly to a clog. After thinking the matter over awhile he set his trap at a point where the two paths come near together. Then he set the trap with the short chain in the other path and stretching the few links across the intervening space attached it to the longer chain, which had a clog attached.

But two days later Jerry Perkins came along the trail not far from the hillside. He had an ax, and said he was whistling and enjoying an hour of fair weather, which by some chance visited the section that day. Jerry was destined to meet that bear, and he did. He saw that the animal was in a trap and that the clog had stuck fast in some bushes. Thinking it would be a very easy matter to advance and knock the bear on the head, he proceeded to do so. His ax hit the bear quite a thump, but as she dodged the blow took effect a little lower on her skull than the woodsman had intended it should, and just as the blow fell Jerry heard a strange sound in the neighborhood of his feet, and he found a bear trap on his ankle. The bear had gone such a short distance before being brought up by the clog that the other trap had not been sprung.

Perkins found himself hitched to an ugly old she bear with cubs only a few rods away in a crevice in the rock. The bear was fresh, having dragged the clog no distance, and she went at Jerry in a very businesslike manner. Again the ax was brought down on her head, this time with better effect than before. Before the third and final blow could be struck she had lacerated the flesh of Mr. Perkins' left leg. The man got out of the trap after some difficulty. He could move about enough to cut a sapling and with this as a lever he put the spring down so that the jaws fell back and released him. He and Pike divided the proceeds of the catch, one taking the skin and bounty and the other the meat. An attempt to get the cubs was unsuccessful, the little fellows being big enough to run away.—Lewiston Journal.

SLAPPED A PRINCE'S FACE.

A Man Doesn't Like Being Laughed at Even by Royalty.

It is not given to every one to enjoy the distinction of slapping a prince's face. A person who arrived at Colombo about the time the king of Siam was leaving for Europe is in that position.

According to The Times of Ceylon, the king and his immediate attendants had left; the remainder of the suit and the four young sons of the king waited for the launch which was to take them to the vessel.

The princes were standing close to the water's edge, looking very smart in their eton jackets and large white collars, when a boat containing several passengers from one of the steamers in the harbor came up.

One of the occupants of the boat in getting on to the jetty was clumsy enough to fall into the water. There were a good many natives standing by, and they all began laughing at the occurrence. It rather riles an Englishman to be laughed at by a crowd of gaping natives, and this particular Englishman gave vent to his feelings and smacked the face of the first person he encountered when he had scrambled on to the jetty.

The youthful princes had been laughing with the rest of the people when the man fell into the water, but it was unfortunate that the irate passenger should have first come across one of their royal highnesses when he landed, because it was on one of their smiling faces that the blow descended.

Without being in the least aware that he had hit any one out of the ordinary the passenger was passing on to get ashore. There is no knowing how the matter would have ended if Major Knollys, who had charge of the police, had not induced the wrongdoer to make an apology. As soon as the prince understood the nature of the mistake he treated the affair with all possible good humor.

Hereditary Diseases.

At last, after fighting off the subject for many years, the scientist has been forced to the conclusion that many diseases that appear to be so are by no means hereditary. They have found that the tendency to a disease may be transmitted, but in maladies like tuberculosis there is no good reason to believe that the germs are implanted in the child's system by the parent. It has been shown that germs born with the child will either develop into true tuberculosis or will be destroyed by the health giving forces of the system. Much stress has been laid upon the fact that whole families die of consumption almost immediately upon reaching their majority. It is said, of course, that this disease must be hereditary, but this is only a superficial view of the case. It can easily be shown that environment has much to do with this apparent heredity.

As just stated, the conditions and tendencies are hereditary. If the parent has tuberculosis, all the children ought, according to naturally accepted notions, to fall victims to this dread disease. But we frequently see cases in which one or more children may die before reaching maturity while others never show any symptoms whatever of tuberculous conditions. This proves that the germs may have been very active in the one case and lacking in the other. Be that as it may, it is high time that the hereditary scare should be done away with, and that people with weak minds and weaker lungs and throats should spend much of their time in warm weather in riding, driving, long walks and boating, although the latter is not considered so healthful as the wheel or other forms of exercise that take one upon higher ground and out of reach of possible malarial districts. —New York Ledger.

Picnic Tea.

There is nothing bitter to take to a picnic to drink than cold tea which has been steeped five or six minutes—tea is one of the things which can be satisfactorily steeped "to taste"—then poured off the grounds into a bottle, and when cool tightly corked. It should not be strong. Taken without milk or sugar, it is very refreshing. An old woolen stocking leg, if such a thing can be found, or a piece of flannel sewed up to fit the bottle, is valuable to cool the tea, if there is any water in the vicinity of the picnic ground. Dip the bottle with its wool covering in the water, hang it on a tree, or even standing on the ground will do, and as the water on the outside evaporates the contents of the bottle will cool.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years, and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—Josh Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Miss Flora Shaw.

Miss Flora Shaw, as colonial editor of the London Times, holds a position such as a woman has rarely attained in English journalism. She is the author of several charming books for children and a novel or two. She has lately come into special prominence from her connection with the Jameson raid. She is the niece of Sir Eyre Massey Shaw, an English officer. A few years ago she went to Australia as special correspondent of The Times, to investigate the labor troubles in Queensland. She published the results of her journey in a book and also gave a lecture before the Royal Colonial institute, being the first woman to do so in the 80 years of its existence.—Woman's Journal.

Purity Alliance Delegates.

The executive committee of the American Purity alliance has appointed Dean Elizabeth Powell Bond, M. A., of Swarthmore college; Mrs. Rachel Hilborn, Miss Annie Shoemaker and Miss Hannah H. Clothier of Philadelphia delegates to represent the alliance at the annual conference of the International Federation For the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice, to be held in Brussels, July 15 to 17 inclusive.

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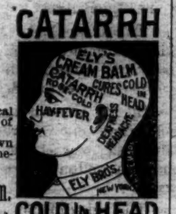

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Dumas.

Alexandre Dumas, or Dumas pere, lived from 1803 to 1870. His literary life began with the play "Henry III," in 1829, and his labors continued to his death, a period of 41 years. The number of novels, plays, poems and literary works of all descriptions produced during this time was enormous, few writers of any country exceeding in quantity the amount credited to this remarkable man.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. 50 cents per bottle. †

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7½
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	4	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	27
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	46
Virginia Meal	44	@	46
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔			
Laguyra	13	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4, ℔ yard		@	1¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	5 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	5 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 50
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	1½
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	8	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER-(city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
Or 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 34 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 33½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for Strained and $1.25 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.50 per barrel for Hard, $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, firm, 27½, 27c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar quiet, 90c; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	45
Rosin	431
Tar	98
Crude Turpentine	10

Receipts same day last year.—26 casks spirits turpentine, 225 bbls rosin, 52 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of c⅛5 per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3⅞ cts. ℔ lb.
Good Ordinary	4½ " "
Low Middling	5 7-16 " "
Middling	5⅝ " "
Good Middling	6⅛ " "

Same day last year, middling 5⅞c.

Receipts—408 bales; same day last year, 347.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 28.—Money on call firm at 1½@2½ per cent., last loan 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak; actual business in bankers' bills at 484@484½ for demand and 481½@481⅝ for sixty days. Posted rates 483½@483 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 481@481½. Silver certificates 55⅜@56⅜. Bar silver 55⅜. Mexican dollars 45½. Government bonds weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 123½; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 124; U. S. 4's 111½; U.S. 4's, ex int. coupon, 112; U. S. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 111½; U. S. 5's, coupon, 111¾. State bonds dull; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 28.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, February 28.—Spirits turpentine firm at 32½c bid; no sales; Rosin firm

AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

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With all the furore that exists for transparent stuffs of every variety muslins will hold their own in popularity. One of the prettiest afternoon dresses seen this season is of the time honored spotted variety. It is made over a maize colored foundation of silk glace, while circling interminably around the sleeve is cream lace. The muslin of the bodice and skirt has insertions of the lace, and the crush belt is of green glace silk. Taking it as a whole, nothing could be more charming or more becoming. No woman's wardrobe this season will be deemed complete without at least one of these pretty and inexpensive frocks.

The Sewell Sisters.

"A gap in a family of attached sisters," says the London Chronicle, "has occurred by the death, at Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, of Miss Emma Sewell, sister of Miss Elizabeth Sewell, whose novels, 'Amy Herbert,' 'Ursula' and others, did much to train a generation or two of young girls. They were read, and no doubt are read now, contemporaneously with Miss Yonge's. Miss Sewell and her sisters have lived for many years at Bonchurch, and their family owned Farringford before it came into the hands of Lord Tennyson."

Suspected a Mistake.

"Sim Wilkison has two mighty smart boys," remarked Mrs. Corntossel. "One of 'em hez gone to town an learnt to paint. They say he puts a lot of atmosphere in his work."

"Mandy, ain't you thinkin about the other boy?"

"His brother?"

"Yes. The one that learnt to play the cornet."—Washington Star.

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The Wearing of Tucks.

To be really fashionable one must wear tucks. They are seen on everything, and the work on some of the new blouses and bodices is enormous. Not only are quarter inch tucks closely set in groups all over the bodice and up the sleeves, but these are frequently supplemented by a tucked bolero and by groups of tucks in the skirt. Even low cut evening bodices are arranged with tucked draperies of lisse. Sometimes the tucks are horizontal, but more frequently they are arranged to run around the figure.

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SHERIDAN'S RIDE.

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Signs of Disaster and Retreat Greeted the Plucky Rescuer at Every Step as He Neared the Front—Mounted on His Black Horse, Little Phil Inspired All.

We came suddenly upon indubitable evidence of battle and retreat. About a mile in advance the road was filled and the fields dotted with wagons and men belonging to the various brigade, division and corps headquarters, and in among them officers' servants with led horses, and here and there a broken ambulance, sutlers' supply trains, a battery forge or two, horses and mules hastily packed with officers' mess kits, led by their cooks, and now and then a group of soldiers, evidently detailed enlisted men attached to the headquarters trains. In fact, this was the first driftwood of a flood just beyond and soon to come sweeping down the road. Passing this accumulation of debris with a rush by leaving the pike and galloping over the open fields on the side of the road, we pushed rapidly on, but not so quickly but that we caught an echoing cheer from the enlisted men and servants, who recognized the general and shouted and swung their hats in glee.

Within the next few miles the pike and adjacent fields began to be lined and dotted everywhere with army wagons, sutlers' outfits, headquarters supply trains, disabled caissons and teamsters with led mules, all drifting to the rear, and now and then a wounded officer or enlisted man on horseback or plodding along on foot, with groups of straggling soldiers here and there among the wagon trains, or in the fields, or sometimes sitting or lying down to rest by the side of the road, while others were making coffee in their tin cups by tiny campfires.

Soon we began to see small bodies of soldiers in the fields with stacked arms, evidently cooking breakfast. As we debouched into the fields and passed around the wagons and through these groups the general would wave his hat to the men and point to the front, never lessening his speed as he pressed forward. It was enough. One glance at the eager face and familiar black horse and they knew him, and, starting to their feet, they swung their caps around their heads and broke into cheers as he passed beyond them, and then, gathering up their belongings and shouldering their arms, they started after him for the front, shouting to their comrades farther out in the fields, "Sheridan! Sheridan!" waving their hats and pointing after him as he dashed onward, and they, too, comprehended instantly, for they took up the cheer and turned back for the battlefield.

To the best of my recollection, from the time we met the first straggler who had drifted back from the army, his appearance and his cheery shout of "Turn back, men; turn back! Face the other way!" as he waved his hat toward the front, had but one result—a wild cheer of recognition, an answering wave of the cap. In no case as I glanced back did I fail to see the men shoulder their arms and follow us. I think it is no exaggeration to say that as he dashed on to the field of battle for miles back the turnpike was lined with men pressing forward after him to the front. * * *

After the whole line was thoroughly formed I rode over to my chief and urged him to ride down it, that all the men might see him and know without doubt that he had returned and assumed command. At first he demurred, but I was most urgent, as I knew that in some instances both men and officers who had not seen him doubted his arrival. His appearance was greeted by tremendous cheers from one end of the line to the other, many of the officers pressing forward to shake his hand. He spoke to them all cheerily and confidently, saying: "We are going back to our camps, men, never fear. I'll get a twist on these people yet. We'll raise them out of their boots before the day is over."

At no time did I hear him utter that "terrible oath" so often alluded to in both prose and poetry in connection with this day's work.—"Sheridan's Ride," by General George A. Forsyth, U. S. A., in Harper's Magazine.

The Age of Women.

The wish to conceal her age is so popularly supposed to be second nature to every woman that it has come to be accepted almost as one of her prerogatives. Even in the witness box legal inquiry and judgment are very lenient on this point. Over in Australia, however, it seems, it is a serious offense, and recently a marriage was declared void because the husband proved that his wife had deceived him as to her age, claiming to be 15 years younger than she really was. In this connection the celebration the other day of the ninety-ninth birthday of a still vigorous woman is worth mentioning as bringing together a company of the sex who strove each to be older, not younger, than the other, those who had touched the 90 mark announcing the fact with a pride that quite silenced the immature matrons of 78 and 85.—New York Ledger.

THE CHESAPEAKE MILL.

A Building Made From the Timbers of the Famous Battleship.

In St. Nicholas there is an article on "The Chesapeake Mill," by William Abbatt, accompanied by a picture of the interesting old building, probably the first one ever printed. Mr. Abbatt says:

If there is a naval fight in our history about which every schoolboy ought to know—to use an expression of which historians are rather fond—it is the sea fight between our man-of-war Chesapeake and the British Shannon off Boston harbor on the 1st of June, 1813. It has been so often told that I will not tell it over again except in the briefest way. The Chesapeake was captured, chiefly or altogether through the mutinous conduct of part of her crew, who refused to work the cannon on her lower deck at all. Captain Lawrence and Lieutenant Ludlow were killed, or, to be exact, the captain died of his wounds four days after the loss of his ship, and the Shannon took her prize into the harbor of Halifax, where her arrival caused the greatest rejoicing.

The dying words of Lawrence as he was carried from the deck, "Don't give up the ship!" have been familiar to our boys and girls for more than 80 years. It is these words that make the combat most memorable. They are a good motto in every trouble of life. Don't give up the ship—don't despair, lose heart, surrender, but take courage, and, like General Grant, "Fight it out on this line if it takes all summer."

With the Chesapeake's entrance into Halifax harbor all trace of her disappears from our smaller histories. Some years after the war of 1812 was over the English naval authorities decided that the Shannon was useless and had her broken up. I think if they realized how much romance was in after years to attach to the story of the fight they might have kept the old ship in repair, as Admiral Nelson's old Victory has been preserved. The Chesapeake was sent to England, where she must have been an object of great interest, but in 1820 she, too, was taken to pieces. This was probably done in the harbor of Southampton, for her timbers were sold to one John Prior, the owner of a flour mill in the little town of Wickham, near Southampton. He pulled down his mill and used the great beams of the American frigate in building a new one. The great deck timbers, 33 feet long and 18 inches square, served for floor beams in the mill and the smaller ones for uprights, all without being cut or altered in any way. Of course many of them were full of the shot fired by the Shannon in the fight, and the shot are there still.

What the "Arabian Nights" Brought.

The production of this book may be described as a joint affair, for though the lion's share of the work of translating, writing and correcting proofs devolved upon Burton alone, the financial part of the work fell upon his wife, and that it was a big thing no one who has had any experience of writing or publishing would deny. There were several editions in the field, but they were all abridged or "Bowdlerized" ones, adapted more or less for "family and domestic reading." Burton's object in bringing out this great work was not only to produce a literal translation, but to reproduce it faithfully in the Arabian manner. He preserved throughout the orientation of the verse, and figures of speech instead of Anglicizing them. It is this, combined with his profound oriental scholarship, his fine old world style and the richness, variety and quaintness of his vocabulary, which has given to his original edition its unique value.

At the beginning a publisher had offered Burton £500 for the book, but Isabel said, "No; let me do it." It was 17 months' hard work, and during that time they had to find the means for printing and binding and circulating the volumes as they came out. The Burtons were their own printers and their own publishers, and they made, between September, 1885, and November, 1888, 16,000 guineas, 6,000 of which went toward the expenses of publishing, and 10,000 guineas into their own pockets. Isabel writes: "It came just in time to give my husband the comforts and luxuries and freedom which gilded the last five years of his life. When he died, there were 4 florins left, which I put into the poorbox."—"The Romance of Lady Burton."

THEY COINED WORDS.

A Young Lady's Interesting Dream of Invention and Wealth.

"Good morning," she said. "You look quite griggish."

"Griggish?" he interrogated. "What kind of a look is that? I—is it—is it anything alarming?"

"Oh, no, silly! Don't you know what griggish means? I manufactured it ages ago out of grig, a grasshopper—something blithe and sprightly, you know. That reminds me, I had the most interesting dream the other night. I dreamed we kept a word store."

"A word store?"

"Yes, we coined words and sold them to the inventors of foods and of typewriters, and"—

"How were they sold, by the yard or by the dozen?" he interrupted.

"Neither way. We sold each word according to the amount of brains expended in inventing it, except the words pertaining to bicycles—they came high, because they were so fashionable. Oh, it was quite a large store, all divided up into departments. There was the bicycle department, the cigar department, the electrical department, the patent medicine department—in fact, all lines were represented in which inventions might be made needing names. You see, we sold a name for so much, and then if the invention proved successful we shared in the profits."

"Well," said the man, "I hope you showed more taste in the matter than the person who invented such words as 'cupograph,' 'mimeograph,' 'comptometer' and 'operaphone'—they give one literary indigestion."

"Oh, yes," she replied, "our coinage was of a much higher order. Of course we had words ending in graph and phone and cycle, but they were exceedingly cheap, and inventors were rather ashamed to be seen buying them. Words like 'pegamoid' came high. I wish I could remember all the words names we coined," she went on. "The only one I can think of is 'hamwich,' a substitute for ham sandwich. Don't you think that's choice? I dreamed that we sold it to a restaurant man and he made a mint of money out of it."—Chicago Tribune.

No Inventor.

"They do say that every American is a born inventor," said the patriotic gentleman.

"My husband," said the fat lady, "is an exception. He uses the same old excuses for being out late that I used to hear my father use."—Indianapolis Journal.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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NOTICE.

Commissioner's Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of a decree of sale made on the 21st day of February, 1898, in a special proceeding in the Superior Court of New Hanover county, North Carolina, wherein Emily Williams, executrix of the last will and testament of Eliza A. McDuffie, deceased, is plaintiff, and H. M. Bishop and others, heirs at law of the said Eliza A. McDuffie, deceased, are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock M., on Monday, the 28th day of March, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate, lying and being in the city of Wilmington, county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Chesnut street 105 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Tenth and Chesnut streets, and running thence westwardly with the said southern line of Chesnut street 35 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Tenth street 66 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Chesnut street 35 feet, and thence northwardly parallel with Tenth street 66 feet to the southern line of Chesnut street to the beginning, being part of Lot 1 in Block 186 in the said city of Wilmington.

Dated and posted this, the 26th day of February, 1898. E. F. JOHNSON, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney.

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Commissioner's Sale.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY. } Superior Court.

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, vs. Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 132 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 132 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2. A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 282.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 282.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 200 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 335 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western 4 parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 238.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.

February 8th, 1898. feb 9 1m

Mortgagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONtained in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Lelia G. Moffett et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M. offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street, and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Millis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Millis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

Dated this the 28th day of February, A. D., 1898.

J. H. GORE, JR.,

feb 28 30t Assignee of the Mortgagee.

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	DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.	
DAILY 9.35 A. M.	No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.22 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 8.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M. Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 9.00 P. M.	
DAILY 7.15 P. M	No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.35 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.08 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.	
DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M.	No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.	
	SOUTH BOUND.	
DAILY 4.00 P. M.	No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 8.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.25 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.05 P. M.	
ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.		
DAILY 5.50 P. M.	No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.00 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 7.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.05 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.52 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.34 P. M.	
DAILY 9.30 A. M.	No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.45 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M. Magnolia 8.05 A. M.	
DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M	No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.	
	FROM THE SOUTH	
DAILY 1.30 P. M.	No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 8.30 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.35 P. M., Sumter 8.12 A. M., Florence 9.58 A. M., Marion 10.36 A. M., Chadbourn 11.38 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12 09. P. M.	

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.38 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.20 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Fee Dee 10.09 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.26 A. M., Dillon 10.38 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.18 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Fee Dee 7.10 P. M. daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.43 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.03 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.43 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 P. M., Manning 6.53 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.04 A. M. Manning 9.08 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.37 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.55 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M., 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.38 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 42.33 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 3.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 4.35 P. M., Hartsville 5.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.21 P. M., Gibson 9.45 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.37 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.35 A. M., Bennettsville 6.59 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.50 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.45 A. M.; leave Darlington 8.55 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.40 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.25 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 6.15 A. M., Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.30 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 P. M., 11.15 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.39 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M., Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.18 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.01 P. M., Smithfield 1.39 P. M., Selma 1.47 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.09 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.39 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.15 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 8.30 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.35 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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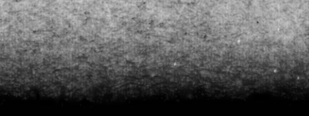

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST.		STATIONS.	GOING WEST.	
3 Pass'g'r Trains			4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.32 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1898

SPANISH NAVAL ACTIVITY.

Work Being Pushed on Armament in Dockyard at Ferrol—Expects War in April.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

FERROL, SPAIN, February 27.—The work of naval construction and armament is being pushed by the government with the greatest activity at the arsenal and dock yard.

MADRID, February, 27.—The *Correspondencia Militar*, organ of the army, says: "The prevailing impression is that war between Spain and the United States will break out in April."

A former Captain General of Cuba (presumably Marshal Martinez Campos) interviewed by a representative of *Correspondencia Militar*, is reported as saying:

"I never entertained a doubt that if the rebellion were not suppressed before 1898, war with the United States would become an accomplished fact. Unhappily, my prophecy will be fulfilled.

"I have the consolation of having done all in my power to avert it, and therefore, I do not regret the blame which has been heaped upon me. All that is now possible is that we should all unite to meet the danger that threatens the country."

CAN EXPECT NO SUPPORT.

English Newspapers Comment Upon the Relations Between the United States and Spain.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 1.—The *Daily News*, commenting editorially this morning on the relations between the United States and Spain, says:

"Spain can expect no support, moral or otherwise, from England against the United States. She has ruined Cuba, as she has ruined or lost every other colony, by the grossest corruption, cruelty and mal-administration, and she must be left to settle the account for it with whom it may concern without any aid or sympathy on our part."

The *Standard*, in an editorial on the same general topic, highly praises President McKinley's statesmanlike moderation, and recognizes that "it would be only human nature that proof of the Maine's having been blown up from the outside should engender a dangerous war feeling in America."

STEAMER DAUNTLESS.

Arrival of the Alleged Filibuster at Jacksonville, Florida.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February 28.—The steamer Dauntless, which left Fernandina on Sunday night at 12 o'clock and is supposed to have carried a large cargo of arms and ammunition to Cuba, arrived here early this morning and is now tied at one of the wharves.

Commander Pillsbury, of the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, having been informed by telephone from Fort George of the arrival of the Dauntless, went down the river at an early hour to escort her up the river. The Vesuvius returned to port with the Dauntless and is now anchored in the river. No steps have been taken by the government to seize the Dauntless.

GOWBOYS ORGANIZING.

An Independent Cavalry Command Ready to Go to the Front at Once.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, February 28—A movement is under way for the formation of an independent cavalry regiment, composed mainly of frontiers men well skilled in the management of horses and arms and embracing a large number of cowboys. Companies are being organized at Prescott, Flagstaff, Phoenix, Globe, Solomonville, Tombstone, Tucson and other cities. The intention is to be in no wise a part of the territorial militia, but an independent command ready to go to the front at once. The enrollment is expected to reach one thousand.

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THE NAVAL MILITIA.

Allotment Among the States of the Appriation of $50,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—The Navy Department has completed the allotment among the States of the appropriation of $50,000 made for the assistance of the naval militia organizations. The allotments are smaller this year than heretofore owing to the fact that while the appropriation remains stationary the organizations are increasing in number, hence the effort now being made to secure from Congress an increase of the appropriation to $60,000.

The allotment for North Carolina is $2,483 and that for Virginia is $475.

Gov. Rogers has ordered that the twelve companies composing the National Guard of the State of Washington shall be immediately recruited to their full strength

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THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Navy Department Sets at Rest Rumors Concerning the Court of Inquiry.

IT WILL RETURN TO HAVANA.

The Report of the Court Can Scarcely Be Expected for Some Weeks to Come—Many Sensational Rumors Denied.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—At the close of office hours a telegram came to the Navy Department from Admiral Sicard at Key West, in the following terms:

"KEY WEST, February 28.—To the Secretary of the Navy, Washington: Court of Inquiry will commence sessions at Key West to-day. They must resume sessions at Havana to obtain evidence of divers after further work upon the wreck.

(Signed) SICARD."

The important feature of this communication is the declaration that the

Court Will Return to Havana.

It sets at rest rumors that have been current for some days past that the court was not to return to Havana for the reasons that it had discovered the cause of the sinking of the Maine, which was not an accident, and that they had consequently no further business in Havana. One important deduction to be drawn from the message was that the report of the Court of inquiry can scarcely be expected for several weeks to come. The court will be occupied at Key West for some days at least in taking the testimony of the survivors there. Then, upon the return to Havana, it is expected that a good deal of time must elapse before the divers can get through the mud which now encompasses the lower part of the wreck of the Maine and examine the bottom. After this is done the court must deliberate in order to secure an agreement upon their findings. The prevalent belief at the Navy Department is that up to this moment the court has not once under taken to compare notes and endeavor to reach such an agreement,

A Letter From Captain Sampson,

dated Havana, February 23rd, was received during the day, and with the candor which has so far characterized all his dealings with the public in this matter, Secretary Long caused it to be given to the newspaper reporters as soon as he has read it himself. Although it is simply a statement of events that had already been reported by telegraph, one fact is significant, viz: The statement that the testimony of a certain civilian witness would be of no importance. His letter is as follows:

"SIR—The court has taken the testimony of all the officers of the Maine still here. To-morrow we will take such testimony as the divers have accumulated The Right Arm arrived here this morning and reported to Captain Sigsbee according to orders.

"I trust some wrecking company will be given the entire job, as no other plan will be feasible.

"There are two citizens in the harbor who have signified their willingness to testify, although they have nothing important.

"After taking this evidence and that of the divers, I propose to return to Key West and take the evidence of the officers and men there.

"It may be necessary to return here after further progress has been made with the divers.

"Very respectfully,
"W. T. SAMPSON,
"Captain U. S. N."

At Key West.

The reports that came from Key West about great activity and the observance of unusual precautions among the few soldiers quartered there, was received with amusement at army headquarters here. It was said that no orders had gone forward from this city to explain the bustle, but there was the best reason to suspect that the commandant was simply brushing up the post and putting his best foot forward against the expected appearance there on his tour of inspection of General Merritt, the commanding general of the department of the East

Movements of Warships.

The gunboat Wilmington sailed today from La Guayra for Barbadoes, travelling over the ground covered a few days before by the Cincinnati and Castine. All of the boats are slowly cruising around in the Caribbean and will be so employed until April, when they will go South again. Secretary Long said at the close of office hours to-day that no orders had gone out to send another warship to Havana, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

At the White House

the utmost quiet prevails. Many offers have come from organizations and individuals of their service in case of a conflict. Some of the Congressional callers also have stated to the President that their States were ready to furnish full quotas of men.

Secretaries Long and Alger and Representative Dingley were among the President's visitors, but it was stated that they had nothing of importance on the Maine affair to discuss with him. Mr. Dingley spoke afterward in strong terms against reports that financial circles in New York were being sounded as to the readiness with which funds could be raised in an emergency.

The attention of Secretary Gage was called to the published statement that he was making preparations for a bond issue and that the bureau of engraving and printing was preparing the plates. The secretary pronounced the statement unqualified false. No such action has even been considered, he said.

The Wreckers.

Judge-Advocate-General Lemly found a message this morning from the Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Company, dated at New York, reading as follows:

The tug Undefwriter with the derrick Chief in tow, passed Sandy Hook at 12.40 P. M. Sunday 27th, bound for Havana.

Assuming that fair weather prevails the tug with its tow should arrive at Havana about Saturday. With this derrick the investigation of the court of inquiry undoubtedly can be greatly facilitated, for, although the Chief will be unable to lift the big turrets, the debris, which is the source of so much complaint on the part of Captain Sigsbee as interfering with the search for bodies and with the examination into the cause of the disaster can be removed.

It can be stated authoritatively that the Navy Department has received nothing to indicate the cause of the explosion and that reports that it has been advised it was by external agencies are without foundation.

Commander Forsyth at Key West telegraphed this morning that he had in execution of the department's order, secured a plot of ground in the cemetery at Key West, in which will be temporarily interred the remains of such of the victims' bodies as are brought from Havana. Admiral Sicard personally will look after the funeral arrangements.

The battleship Texas, which has been at Galveston, returned to Tortugas yesterday and joined the squadron. The Terror reported her arrival at Tompkinsville to-day. The Castine arrived at Port of France, in the West Indies.

Captain Dickens, Assistant Chief of the Navigation Bureau, has gone to Norfolk. Contrary to some reports that have been circulated, his visit has nothing to do with war preparations. He went to inspect the old training ship Essex, which has just returned from a long cruise with apprentices.

Madrid Advices.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—The State Department to-day received the following dispatch from Minister Woodford, at Madrid:

"Decree dissolving Spanish Cortes February 26. New Cortes will meet April 25th."

The dissolution of the Cortes has been expected, and it may be attended with importants results. The two parties, Liberal and Conservative, will now appeal to the country and on the result will depend the political complexion of the ministry. The Sagasta ministry, now in power, is Liberal. Its retention in power means much at the present juncture, for it was on the advent of the Sagasta regime that General Weyler was recalled, the reconcentrado decrees were annulled and the present plan of autonomy put inforces. The policy now being pursued by General Blanco in Cuba its an entire reversal of that under the the Conservative regime of Canovas and his successor, and it is felt that the continuance of this policy is no less at stake than the ministry itself in the outcome of the present elections.

Elections will be held not only in Spain but also in Cuba and Puerto Rico. This, however, should not be confounded with the local elections of Cuba under the plan of autonomy. The present election will be confined entirely to the choice of delegates to the Imperial Parliament and will not be a part of the autonomous plan for a local government of Cuba. The latter elections have not been fixed and the time for them will be set by the autonomous cabinet,

CARDINAL GIBBONS.

His Address at the Requiem Mass Held in Baltimore for the Victims of the Maine Disaster.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, February 28.—A solemn requiem mass for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives through the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana was celebrated at the Cathedral here this morning. Cardinal Gibbons made an address and read the services for the dead. A number of naval and military officers were present, including those of the militia and naval reserve. The vocal music was furnished by the "Bride-Elect" Opera Company, now performing in Philadelphia.

The Cardinal, anong other things, said:

"Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the President and on the members of his cabinet and particularly on the Secretary of the Navy and his able assistant, as well as on the houses of Congress, for the calmness and tranquility, the self-control and the self-possession, which they have exhibited during the fearful ordeal through which the country has been passing in the last few days. It needed only a spark to kindle a great conflagration, and the patient and dignified bearing of the executive and legislative bodies are all the more commendable in view of the mischievous and intemperate utterances of some sensational newspapers.

"This nation is too brave, too strong, too powerful and too just to engage in an unrighteous war or precipitate war. Let us remember that the eyes of the world are upon us, whose judgment we cannot despise, and that we will gain more applause and credit for ourselves by calm deliberation and masterly inactivity than by recourse to arms.

"I hope and believe, for the honor of humanity that the destruction of the Maine was caused by an accident, and in that case Spain cannot be responsible. But suppose some fiendish Cuban had occasioned this fearful loss of life in order to embroil our nation in a war with his mother country. In that case Spain would not be held responsible. And even had some fanatical Spaniard perpetrated this atrocious crime there would be no necessity for a recourse to arbitrament of the sword.

"The only circumstance that would warrant active hostilities would be the evidence that the Spanish government connived at the placing of torpedoes or explosives in the harbor of Havana to destroy our vessel. But I do not believe, and no sane man can believe, that a chivalric nation would be guilty of such inhumanity.

"An able commission has been appointed by the government to investigate the cause of the disaster. Let us calmly and dispassionately await the result of their verdict and not anticipate their judgment. One thing is certain, this country knows how in any emergency to defend her honor and protect her interests."

WARM WIRELETS.

It is stated positively that no River and Harbor bill will be reported at this session of Congress.

General W. B. Taliaferro, a Mexican war veteran, a major-general in the Confederate army and an ex-judge, died at his home in Gloucester county Va., Sunday night.

El Sussell, of Mobile, first vice president of the Mobile & Ohio railroad, and for the past year executive officer of that road, was yesterday elected president to succeed James C. Clarke.

The benefit Saturday night at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, for the widows and orphans of the sailors and men on the Maine who went down with the vessel, was a thorough success. The receipts were more than $10,000.

One of the men who attempted the life of the King of Greece Saturday has been arrested. His name is Karditza and he is a minor employe in the mayor's office at Athens. He refused to give the name of his accomplice.

At Philadelphia, yesterday, Mrs. Leonora Cushman, 24 years of age, a bride of three months, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid, and Dr. Alexander Fulton, a prominent physician, ended his life by shooting himself. The motive in both cases is unknown.

In diplomatic circles in Washington it it said that the reports that war is imminent between Chili and the Argentine Republic are not well-founded and that on the contrary, arbitration by the British government hasbeen agreed upon as a means of settlement of differences.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Hon. Henry W. Corbett of Oregon Denied Admission to the Senate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Passed With Provision Restored to Pay Informers Against Illicit Distillers and Other Law Violators.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—Hon. Henry W. Corbett was to-day denied admission to the Senate as a Senator from Oregon, on appointment, by the decisive vote of 50 to 19. Speeches were made made to-day against the admisssion of Mr. Corbett by Senator Bacon, Georgia, and Burrows, Michigan, and in favor of his admission by Senatar Morgan, Alabama.

After disposing of the Corbett case, the Senate began the consideration of the Alaska Homestead and Railroad right of way bill and had not concluded it when it adjourned.

A bill authorizing Lieutenant Commander Raymond P. Rodgers, U. S. N. to accept a decoration of the Cross of Legion of Honor from the Republic of France, was passed.

The Senate spent a short time in executive session before adjourning.

House of Representatives.

The House passed the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill to-day after four days debate. The most important action to-day was the elimination of the appropriation for our representation at the Paris exposition on a point of order. The sudden change of sentiment in the House which is often witnessed when members go on record was twice illustrated to-day. On Friday last the House in Committee of the Whole, where there is no record of the vote, knocked out a provision in the bill for an appropriation to pay those who furnish the government information leading to the conviction of violators of the internal revenue laws, and to-day in committee an extra month's pay was voted to the employes of the House. Both these propositions commanded a very respectable majority in the committee, but when the members voted on roll calls in the House both of them were overwhelming defeatedly.

Speaking to a *pro forma* amendment, General Shattuc, Republican, Ohio, who was for thirty years connected with the management of railroads, took occasion to answer an attack made upon the railroads some time ago. He had never known a railroad manager, he said, who was a calamity howler.

"Why should railroad men be calamity howlers," asked Mr. Greene, Populist, Nebraska, "when they plunder the whole country?"

"That statement is absolutely false," retorted Mr. Shattuc "and the gentleman who makes it knows it is false." Mr. Shattuc, continuing, said he would be ashamed to come to the forum of the people and continually grumble about the miserable condition of the people he represents.

"The district I come from contains the best people in the world," said Mr. Greene.

Mr. Shattuc: "Well it does not send them here." (Great laughter.)

Mr. Fox, Democrat, Mississippi, to which Mr. Shattuc had replied, denied that he had assailed the railroad. He had himself, he said, represented a railroad as an attorney for many years, and what he had said was that the people of the South had as much right to exercise a legitimate influence over the colored voters of their sections as the railroads, the manufactories or any other corporations. "Deny it as you will," said Mr. Fox, "it is a fact that the railroads and other corporations controlled the vote of their employes for McKinley by intimidation, threats and bribery. If the laboring men of the country had been allowed to vote according to their conviction, William J. Bryan would now be President of the United States.

Consideration of the bill in Committee of the Whole was completed and it was reported to the House.

Mr. Cannon demanded separate votes on two amendments—one striking out the appropriation of $75,000 for the payment of those who informed the authorities of violation of the internal revenue laws and the other granting a month's extra pay to employes of the House. Mr. Cannon urged the House to restore the appropriation for the detection of illicit stills. The appropriation was absolutely necessary, he contended, to protect the goverment revenues in many States, but especially in North Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Swanson, Democrat, Virginia, appealed to members to stand by their action in committee and strike down this spy system. This work, he said, ought to be left to the United States marshals and their deputies.

Mr. Alexander, Republican, New York, who was United States district attorney for four years, said this work was not and could not be done by deputy marshals.

Mr. Cannon said that 2,500 illicit stills were seized last year, the large majority of them in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. It was natural, he said, that the representatives from those States should fight this appropriation.

By a vote of 103 to 67 the provision was restored to the bill. The friends of the motion to strike out the appropriation were too weak to secure the yeas and nays.

The action of the committee in voting an extra month's pay to the employes of the House was reversed by the House on a record making vote, the amendment being defeated, 63 to 152.

The Sundry Civil bill was then passed and the House went back into Committee of the Whole and took up the bill reported by the Ways and Means committee to authorize the transportation of distilled spirits to general bonded warehouses and to regulate removal therefrom.

The bill gives the owners of distilled spirits the privileges as to transportation now enjoyed solely by the distillers. The bill was passed.

At 5:20 P. M. the House adjourned.

PACIFIC COAST'S DEFENCES.

Work Being Pushed Forward Under Special Orders From Secretary Alger.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., Feb. 28.—The work of fortifying three conspicuous points, contiguous to Port Townsend, which has been going on in a desultory fashion for some months, is now being pushed forward under special orders from Secretary Alger. The doubled forces at Points Morrowstone and Admiralty are being worked night and day to finish up, and already preparations are being made for placing the heavy guns, which are due to arrive any day.

Wm. M. Singerly, a prominent publisher of Philadelphia, died Sunday of heart disease, while smoking a cigar.

NAVAL COURT INVESTIGATION.

Inquiry Into the Loss of the Battleship Maine Resumed at Key West.

THE TESTIMONY SO FAR.

One of the Witnesses Says It Will Upset the Theories of Those Who Think That the Explosion Was of Internal Origin.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., February 28.—The United States Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana, on February 15th, began its session here this morning. Lieutenant Blandin was the first witness called. Testimony will be taken according to its relative importance and not according to the rank of the witness. Lieutenant Blandin was before the court for about an hour. No marines were on guard, but all the doors were closed.

Those who were called as witnesses before the luncheon recess at 1 o'clock were Lieutenants Blandin, Hood, Jungen and Blow, and Cadets Bronson and Boyd.

Lieutenant Commander Marix, who received the list of witnesses, said the inquiry was progressing well.

The Detroit sailed to the Tortugas to-day with provisions for the fleet.

The Court of Inquiry reconvened at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Lieutenant Holman who testified at Havana was again called. Lieutenant of Marines Catlin gave his evidence quickly, and was followed by boatswain Larkin, gunner Hill and carpenter Holmes. The two latter were on shore at the time of the explosion and could tell little of value.

At ten minutes past three the court adjourned until morning at ten.

Judge Advocate Marix said: "The stenographers have all they can transcribe in record form, and there is no use of our working longer to-day."

Captain Sampson seemed satisfied with the day's work but said nothing could be given out.

After the court room was cleared for the day Captain Sampson held a short interview with Rear Admiral Sicard and then returned to the Iowa. Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Commander Potter were taken on board the New York.

The Testimony So Far.

Few know more than was known this morning. An officer of the Maine, however, who had been examined by the court during the day, talked at length with the correspondent of the Associated Press.

"I can't tell you," he said, "what line of questioning was adopted; but the court will find, I believe, that the Maine was blown up by design, though I don't think it will be able to ascertain exactly how. The court's finding will be based on negative rather than positive evidence. By this I mean that all the testimony heard so far has, bit by bit, upset the theory of those who think the explosion was of internal origin. This negative evidence is so strong and so general that I see no possibility of the court deciding that the explosion was internal. The only alternative then left for the court is to fall back on the evidence which points to the intention in blowing up of the Maine. This, I think, will be done, unless the court formulates a theory of its own or declares that it does not know how the disaster occurred, both of which conjectures I think improbable."

As bearing on the value of opinion of the officer in question, it must be borne in mind that he was before the court for about fifteen minutes only, and that he has at all times expressed himself as confident the explosion was not due to an accident.

Members of the court, when the substance of the interview was brought to their attention, declined to have anything to say. All the high naval and military officials here, when asked crucial questions, politely profess ignorance.

SILVER REPUBLICANS.

Endorse the Recent Manifesto Issued by the National Chairman.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOISE, IDAHO, February 28.—A conference of silver republicans from all sections of the State was held here to-day. About fifty leading men of the party were present.

After a discusssion, resolutions were passed endorsing the recent manifesto issued by the national chairman of the silver party recommending fusion.

At the opening of the new week there is much of interest in the dry goods situation in New York. Buyers at second hand are quite plentiful, and jobbers are again looking forward to a lucrative week. At first hands the market is still quite firm. The demand coming forward for cotton goods is still limited.

Sir Edward James Reed, the eminent naval expert, writes to the London *Times*, expressing the opinion that the Maine could be refloated for a tithe of her cost.

Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., son of Consul General Lee, who is employed as a clerk in Richmond, Va., will leave for Cuba to-day.

Peter E. Slate was yesterday appointed postmaster (fourth class) at Dan River N. C.

A New Paris Club.

A novel variety of the now universal "ladies' club" has just been started in Paris by a benefactress of her sex, who claims to be actuated solely by altruistic motives. Having a large and lonely drawing room at her house in the Rue Notre Dame des Champs, Mme. Gravelot, says a Paris exchange, conceived the idea of throwing it open to women living alone and exercising some liberal profession or pursuing a course of study. Here they might daily meet and pass their leisure hours in cheerful society instead of pining in solitary garrets or running about the streets. The proprietress has given to this refuge a high sounding title, "Le Cenacle des Femmes," but it does not appear that any save Barmecide repasts are supplied to the guests, each of whom pays a trifling monthly contribution toward lights, fires and other necessary expenses. So far workwomen are disqualified from regular membership, but they may come in response to invitations, and the same privilege is accorded to male friends on two evenings in the week.

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH AND OTHER POINTS.

First Gun of the Republican Campaign—A Bogus Check—Governor Russell's Private Secretary Resigned.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 28.

The first gun of the Radical campaign will be fired next Saturday at Warrenton. Congressman White, Jim Young (both colored), and Chas. A. Cook will speak, the latter taking for his subject "The Legislation of the Last General Assembly."

The Caraleigh cotton mills of this city are advertising for forty more spinning room hands. They intend to run night and day.

A man callings himself A. G. Dew, from Hamlet yesterday, attempted to have a bogus check for $3,500 drawn on the National Bank of Wilmington, cashed by the First National Bank of Richmond, Dew did not succeed, but he has not been caught,

Clarence H. Melvin of New York came here on a spree Friday and died at the Yarboro early Sunday morning. No one knows him or where his people live.

Charles P. Snuggs, a prominent building contractor, is dying at his home here from pneumonia.

This morning Maj. Joe Alexander, the Governor's private secretary, was not found in his office. He has resigned to go to Winston to practice law. Governor Russell has appointed Rev. Baylus Cade, a Populist, in Alexander's place. The Republicans here say that this is the last straw, and separates Russell from the Republican party in the eyes of all now.

The Planters' Tobacco Warehouse Company, of Smithfield, was incorporated to-day with a capital of $5,000.

Delegates left to-day for the pure food congress, which meets in Washington to-morrow.

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